

Is Disease a Crime?

Not very long ago, a popular magazine published an editorial article in which the writer asserted, in substance, that all disease should be regarded as criminal. Certain it is, that much of the sickness and suffering of mankind is due to the violation of certain of Nature's laws. But to say that all sickness should be regarded as criminal, must appeal to every reasonable individual as radically wrong.

It would be harsh, unsympathetic, cruel, yes criminal, to condemn the poor, weak, over-worked housewife who sinks under the heavy load of household cares and burdens, and suffers from weakn-esses, various displacements of pelvic organs and other derangements peculiar to her sex.

Frequent bearing of children, with its exacting demands upon the system, coupled with the care, worry and labor of rearing a large family, is often the cause of weakn-esses, derangements and debility which are aggravated by the many household cares, and the hard, and never-ending work which the mother is called upon to perform. Dr. Pierce, the maker of that world-famed remedy for woman's peculiar weaknesses and ills—Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription—says that one of the greatest obstacles to the cure of this class of maladies is the fact that the poor, over-worked housewife can not get the needed rest from her many household cares and labor to enable her to secure from the use of his "Prescription" its full benefits. It is a matter of frequent experience, he says, in his extensive practice in these cases, to meet with those in which his treatment fails by reason of the patient's inability to abstain from hard work long enough to be cured. With those suffering from prolapsus, anteversion and retroversion of the uterus or other displacement of the woman's organs, it is very necessary that, in addition to taking his "Favorite Prescription" they abstain from being very much, or for long periods, on their feet. All heavy lifting or straining of any kind should also be avoided. As much out-door air as possible, with moderate, light exercise is also very important. Let the patient observe these rules and the "Favorite Prescription" will do the rest.

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Is Not True.

The year drawing to a close will have 53 Sundays. It is said that this will not occur again for 110 years.

The above paragraph has been going the rounds of the press and a few moments thought will convince the reader that this is not true. The ordinary year has fifty-two weeks and one day; leap year, fifty-two weeks and two days; and these extra days will soon use up the week and bring another year with extra Sunday. So far from being 110 years, 1911 will have fifty-three Sundays, so will 1916, and no matter what year you start from you will find another year with that number of Sunday within six years or less.

Are Elephants Becoming Extinct?

C. G. Schillings, the eminent German naturalist, whose specialty is photographing wild beasts in African jungles, makes the prediction in his lately published volume, With Flashlight and Rifle (Harpers), that the day is not far off when to the question "Quid novi ex Africa?" the answer must be given: "They have killed the last of the African elephants." It is the billiard hall, avers Herr Schillings, that is responsible for their extermination. "It seems strange, but it is true," he says, "that the innocent billiard-players of civilized countries are largely responsible for the almost total extinction of the African elephant. There is no material from which the best quality of balls may be turned on the lathe, so soft and so elastic as the ivory tusk of the female elephant."

Things to Think About.

The Methodists of this country have undertaken the task of raising \$250,000 for an Indian jubilee fund.

Valuable dogs are often vaccinated, as these animals are quite susceptible to smallpox.

Government engineers are mapping Puget Sound for mines and torpedo stations. Mine equipment that cost \$500,000 is stored near Fort Ward. It is expected to be in place by the first of the year.

During the recent yellow fever epidemic in New Orleans not one case made its appearance among the soldiers of Jackson Barracks, only 150 feet from the nearest infected point.

Italian prisons got so full this year that the government had to resort to royal clemency to some of the occupants in order to make room for delinquents crowded out. A decree was issued last August and since then 1,536 prisoners have been pardoned, and 3,072 have had their sentences reduced.

Some low water alarms for boilers are made dependent for operation upon the melting of a fusible alloy exposed to the heat of the season. When the water falls and the temperature rises the melting of the alloy releases a weight-actuated circuit closer and rings a bell.

A large centrifugal pump at a Brighton (England) bath stopped working, and an examination revealed the presence in a pipe of a pigeon's nest with two eggs. To reach its nest the bird had to find its way through a six-inch diameter pipe—horizontal for six feet, and bending sharply into a six-foot perpendicular.

One of the courts in Paris is occupied with a case against a picture dealer who sold what he asserted was a genuine Raphael for \$16,000. The buyer paid \$2,000 down, then discovered that the dealer had bought the picture for twenty francs. He wants his \$2,000 back, but three experts have pronounced the painting genuine.

The momentum of a swift flying bird is considerable. A partridge flew against a window of the gymnasium at Williams College the other day, crashing through the glass and falling to the floor dead. The force of the blow may be judged from the fact that the glass was "triplethick" and not more than 20 by 12 in size.

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An Accommodating Witness and Lawyer

"Do you know the prisoner well?" asked the attorney.

"Never knew him ill," replied the witness.

"No levity," said the lawyer. "Now, sir, did you ever see the prisoner at the bar?"

"Took many a drink with him at the bar."

"Answer my question, sir!" roared the lawyer. "How long have you known the prisoner?"

"From two feet up to five feet ten inches."

"Will the court make the?"

"I have, yer worship," said the witness anticipating the lawyer. "I have answered the question. I knowed the prisoner when he was a boy of two feet long and a man five feet ten."

"Your honor—"

"It's a fact, yer worship. I'm under oath," persisted the witness.

The lawyer placed his hands on the table in front of him, spread his legs apart, leaned his body over the table and said:

"Will you tell the court what you know about this case?"

"That ain't his name," replied the witness.

"What ain't his name?"

"Case."

"Who said it was?"

"You did. You wanted to know what I knew about this case. His name's Jones."

"Your worship, howled the lawyer, plucking his beard out by the roots, 'will you make this man answer?'"

"Witness," said the magistrate, "you must answer the questions put to you."

"Great Scott! Hain't I been doin' it? Let him fire away. I'm all ready."

"Then," said the lawyer, "don't beat about the bush any more. You and the prisoner have been friends?"

"Never," promptly responded the witness.

"What! Weren't you summoned here as a friend?"

"No, sir. I was summoned here as a Presbyterian. Nary one of us was ever Friends. He's an old time Baptist, without a drop of Quaker in him."

"Stand down!" yelled the lawyer in disgust.

"Hey?"

"Stand down!"

"Can't do it. I'll sit down or stand up."

"Constable, remove the man from the box."

Witness retires muttering, "Well, if he ain't the thick headedest lawyer I ever laid eyes on!"—Galveston Tribune.

The Average Is All Right.

"Their pay is shockingly small for some of our public officials," said the broadminded man.

"Yes," answered the cynic, "but it averages up. Some of the public officials are shockingly small for their pay."—Washington Star.

Reformed.

"What a fault finder Jones is! And he used to have such a contented disposition before he was married."

"Yes. I heard his wife say she had married him to reform him."—Houston Post.

Right Man.

She—The man I marry must be "only a little lower than the angels." He (suddenly flopping)—Here I am on my knees, a little lower than one of them. (He got her.)—New York Weekly.

Occasions do not make a man either strong or weak, but they show what he is.—Thomas a Kempis.

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